

Cultural Council Minutes

May 19, 2010

Present: Kathy Feek, Leah Kliger, Amy Whittenburg, Jeff Parks, Sheila Mickool, Melissa Nelson, GG Getz, Erik Gordon, Cathy Heffron, Ellen Miller-Wolfe (staff) Julie Huffman (staff), Kari Page (guest), Gina Hortillosa (guest), Cate Foster (observer)

Absent: Bob Larson, Emily Hanna, Margit Moore, Rebecca Devere, Bhaj Townsend,

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes were reviewed. GG made a motion to approve, motion seconded, and the motion carried. Meeting summarizer will be stricken from the agenda—committee reporter can summarize within their report.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Guests

Kari Page (Neighborhood Services) and Gina Hortillosa (Public Works) reported on the Park Lane Vision. City staff have gathered community input and determined that a flexible festival street option is the best of both worlds. It allows pedestrian friendly options while maintaining the car accessibility and parking. A raised street will allow for the entire area to be a pedestrian promenade when the street is closed for special events, but to be used for cars and parking while it is open.

They would like feedback on what the Cultural Council would like to see for the 1% for art for Park lane, which will run \$19,000-\$20,000, along with the long term plan for the art on Park Lane (and who owns it), as well as how to coordinate with Sound Transit and King County art projects (pump station and transit center). Council suggested that they meet with the public art committee, which can bring a recommendation to the full Council.

Budget Update

Staff member Julie Huffman reported that there is \$2086.33 left of funding for the year. Kathy moved and Council agreed to fund Artilization banners up to \$300 of those leftover funds. Also, a portion of those funds are earmarked for a community collaboration event.

Staff Report

Ellen Miller-Wolfe reported on several items. The LAA meeting that was hosted at the Kirkland Arts Center was very well attended. Council members reported on all the major projects that the Cultural Council is working on. Ellen also reported on the Studio East opening. Creativekirkland.com will be up soon with artist profiles. City Council announced 2 finalists for the City Manager position. Marilynne Beard is accepting questions to ask in the next interview.

Minute for the Arts

Sheila gave the minute for the Arts.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kirkland CACHET

The next meeting is the first Monday in June at 5:30 at St. James. The last meeting was cancelled. A survey will go out to the mailing list about the last two events. The committee will have another event in the Fall at Studio East and will be looking at the economic impact study. They will do another push for membership on the listserv at some point soon. Amy encouraged the Council to educate their friends on how to submit a listing.

Submit e-mail to kirklandcachet@gmail.com with proposed listing, as well as any questions that arise. Currently there are 80 members.

Foundation

Sheila reported that the Cultural Council as a City commission cannot set up and run a foundation. Members may in an individual capacity. However, the Council would like to raise funds for the programs and the staffing that they would like. Ellen will be meeting with the City Attorney to determine how the Cultural Council may raise funds for their work. The committee will be focusing on the current funding challenge.

Discussions about having an arts and culture foundation have proceeded. One idea was to have a foundation that was primarily arts and culture related, but not solely. Sheila met with the Redmond foundation, which is about a year ahead of the Cultural Council in their process. Sheila, Leah, and Ellen met with City Council member Doreen Marchione. At that meeting they nominated Sheila as the citizen to do the fact finding and community outreach for the community foundation.

Artilizing Kirkland

Rebecca did a beautiful job of the Art Shop. Kathy is working with several landlords and hoping to get more on board. The retail space around the Bank of America may be a possibility. They have continued to do outreach. They need artists who are interested in participating so are looking for additional help with outreach. One idea is to present at the public comment portion of the City Council meetings to update them on what the Council is doing and to get it broadcast widely. Leah saw a portable stage in Shoreline that was sponsored by the art council there. That is a great idea for raising funds. She would like to have the Shoreline person as a guest.

Public/Private Art

The committee has a meeting scheduled. Kathy reported that their sense about the Oberto sculpture was that it might not be best for the main waterfront, where the owner would like to see it placed. There are some concerns about the toys as they could be tripped over. The committee will be working with the City on the signal box by the Bank of America.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business this time.